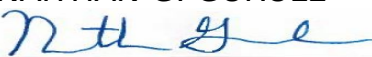
	LOS LUNAS POLICE DEPARTMENT	
	OPERATIONS	NUMBER: OPR.14.01
	EFFECTIVE DATE: July 02, 2010	
	SUBJECT: Working With Bounty Hunters & Repossession Agents	
AMENDS/ SUPERSEDES:		REVIEW DATE: July 2, 2015
NMMLEPSC STANDARDS:		NMSA:
		APPROVED BY CHIEF OF POLICE NAITHAN G. GURULE  Signature

I. PURPOSE

Because of the work performed by Bounty Hunters, Repossession Agents it is difficult for Los Lunas Police Department Officers to find out if the bounty hunter has obtained a proper warrant in accordance with New Mexico State Statutes.

II. POLICY

This general order has been developed to minimize the officer being placed in a position on whether they should participate in the removal of a suspect or property by non-police personnel.

Members of the Los Lunas Police Department have no way to know whether or not a person has made the payment or not on their property being repossessed by repossession agents.

III. DEFINITION

A. REPOSSESSION AGENT: Any person working for another whose job is to remove property at someone's residence or place of business. The property is removed sometimes without the owner's permission.

B. NON-COMMISSION POLICE OFFICER: Would be any person not employed by a Police Department, Sheriff's Department, State Police Officer or a Federal Law Enforcement Agency.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF BOUNTY HUNTER AND REPOSSESSION AGENT

A. OFFICER CONSIDERATION/BOUNTY HUNTER

1. Identify bounty hunter.
2. Check to see if warrant is on hand by bounty hunter.
3. Check to verify location is within the Village limits.
4. If warrant is on hand check to see that the warrant meets the standard for New Mexico. If you have a question of the warrant's authenticity, notify the District Attorney's Office for further instruction.

If the warrant is verified and meets New Mexico State procedures, the officer will serve the warrant.

The subject will be taken to VCDC and booked on proper charges. A Magistrate or District Judge will be notified and attempt to have the subject arrested released to the custody of the bounty hunter. If the Judge refuses to release the subject, the officer must fill out the proper paper work. If the warrant has been issued from another state then the officer must complete the fugitive from justice complaint and the waiver of extradition.

If a bounty hunter does not have the proper paper work, the bounty hunter must be informed by a Los Lunas Police Department Officer that any violation of New Mexico Law may result in the arrest of said bounty hunter and at no time will officers of Los Lunas Police Department assist in any way.

B. OFFICER CONSIDERATION/REPOSSESSION AGENT

1. Identify repossession agent.
2. Find location of his request.
3. Obtain all information regarding the item or items to be repossessed.
4. Notify the rest of the shift of the description of items being repossessed through dispatch to brief the other shifts. The notification of the rest of the officers may not want to be done over the radio.

**AT NO TIME WILL MEMBERS OF THE LOS LUNAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT AID THE REPOSSESSION AGENT IN
OBTAINING THE ITEMS TO BE REPOSSESSED.**

**V. REPORTING THE PRESENCE OF BOUNTY HUNTERS AND/OR
REPOSSESSION AGENTS**

- A. When an officer becomes aware of a bounty hunter or repossession agent this officer must notify the shift supervisor and the shift supervisor must obtain the proper information.